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SUBJ: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO GOF

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1. IN VIEW OF THE AMBASSADOR'S AUG 8 DISCUSSION WITH FON MIN GUIRINGAUD OF THE PROPOSED US-UK APPROACH ON RHODESIA (REF B), WE WENT ALONG WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY CLEAR PREFERENCE THAT REF A INSTRUCTION BE CARRIED OUT AT A LOWER LEVEL. CONSEQUENTLY, BRITISH CHARGE JAMES AND, IN ABSENCE DCM, EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR MADE REQUESTED DEMARCHE TO QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA GUY GEORGY AUG 9. GUIRINGAUD HAD EMPHASIZED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT FRANCE CONSIDERS THAT THE UK HAS LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIA, THAT THE UK AND THE US SHARE THE PLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT FRANCE WANTS TO LEND FULL SUPPORT TO ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORTS.

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2. GEORGY INDICATED THAT THE OVERALL FRENCH REACTION IS VERY POSITIVE . SPECIFICALLY, UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TELEPHONED GUIRINGAUD ON MORNING OF AUG 9. GUIRINGAUD ASSURED OWEN FO FRANCE'S "FULL SUPPORT" FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN, GEORGY SAID THIS INCLUDES ACTION WITH SOUTH AFRICANS, IN THE UN INCLUDING SANCTIONS AS

NECESSARY, AND "IN PRINCIPLE" WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED ZIMBABWE FUND. GEORGY EXPRESSED SOME PERSONAL DOUBTS ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS OF SANCTIONS AND SPECIFICALLY RESERVED FRANCE'S POSITION ABOUT FUND DETAILS INCLUDING A CONTRIBUTION.

3. WE INTEND TO UNDERSCOURE THE MATTER ONCE MORE WITH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LABOULAYE. HARTMAN $\,$

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